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A Memorial

OF THE

Eleventh Legislative Assembly

State of North Dakota

Commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of

CAPITOL BUILDING, BISMARCK

February twelfth, nineteen hundred nine

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Program

INVOCATION ----------Rev. Louis Magin

THE LOTUS MALE QUARTETTE-----Selected
Geo. T. Humphreys, Henry Halverson
Wm. N. Chase, H. E. Winslow

READING---------- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
Rev. C. W. Harris

SOLO----------"A Day in May"----------Danza
Mrs. H. H. Steele

READING- O, Captain! My Captain!-Walt Whitman
Miss Cora Strauss

SOLO---"A Prayer," from Jocelyn---Benj. Godard
Miss Kathleen Seymour Crane

MEMORIAL ADDRESS----------John H. Worst

"AMERICA"

Audience requested to rise and join with
quartette in singing the National Hymn

Accompanists
Mrs. Wm. Moore Mr. Carl Peterson

Legislative Memorial Committee

FOR SENATE	FOR HOUSE
Maynard Crane	Bardi G. Skulason
Alfred Steel	Geo. A. McCrea
J. E. Davis	Geo. H. Law

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived or so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here; but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be dedicated here to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause, for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Delivered November 19th, 1863.

(Universally recognized as one of the great classics of English literature.)

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LETTER OF CONDOLENCE.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Nov. 21, 1864.

To Mrs. Bixby, Boston, Mass.

DEAR MADAM:—I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,

A. LINCOLN.

(A copy of this letter is exhibited at Oxford College, England, as the finest example of English prose extant.)